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## CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED FOR SALE OF CRYSTAL METH AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN FIREARMS

*– Convicted crack dealer had 6 firearms*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Joshua Maurice Biever, age 27, of 419 J.R. Miller Blvd., Owensboro, Kentucky, in Daviess County, was sentenced to 8 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for the sale of crystal meth or ICE valued at \$500 and possession of stolen firearms by a previously convicted felon, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Biever to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement, including the Daviess County Sheriff's Office, which targets violent offenders for federal prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law. U.S. Attorney Huber praised the Daviess County Sheriff's Office as "an aggressive and full partner in the fight against violence and drugs in our community."

On February 6, 2007, Biever plead guilty to selling in excess of 5 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover informant on October 31, 2005, in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. Biever also admitted that on November 8, 2005, having previously been convicted of theft of property valued at \$300 or more, he possessed the same six firearms (Bryco

Arms, Model 59, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol; Remington, Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun; Remington, Model 870, express mag. 12 gauge shotgun; Herrington & Richardson, trooper model, .410 gauge shotgun; Benelli Black Eagle, .12 gauge shotgun; Marlin, model 60, .22 caliber rifle) which he knew to be stolen.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream, and it was investigated by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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